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In re Patent Application of:
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For: CONCRETE FORMWORKS AND METHOD
OF MAKING SAME

Examiner: W. Aughenbaugh

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Dear Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN PREPARATION FOR INTERVIEW

An interview with the Examiner is scheduled for 3:30 PM on the afternoon of September 26, 2007. The purpose of the interview is to attempt to move this case to allowance. This case has been withdrawn from appeal twice, both times for reasons that, in the view of the undersigned, could have been brought up years ago. Further, the rejections are essentially the same as they were prior to the several appeals. The current rejection cites a new reference, Hedrick et al., stating that Hedrick teaches a laminate suitable for concrete construction panels at col. 1, lines 39 – 50; col. 3, lines 47 – 57; and col. 4, line 20. Respectfully, Hedrick et al. does not teach this. Hedrick et al. mentions that the panels can be used for building construction panels attached to metal or concrete frames. This is not the same as a concrete formwork, which is claimed. While it is believed that the present claims are patentable for the reasons described in detail in the appeal briefs, the Applicant's attorney would like to discuss with the Examiner if there is some further narrowing of the claims, such as the inclusion of the limitations of claims 10 or 11 in claim 1, would place the application in condition for allowance.

The Applicant understands that the reasons for rejection sometimes are reasons of the Supervisory Examiner. Therefore, if the Applicant is not able to reach a formulation that would place the application in condition for allowance with the Examiner, then the Applicant would like to have the

undersigned speak with Supervisor Examiner Harold Pyon. This can either be at the same time as the interview with the Examiner, or can be done at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,
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